

INVESTING IN AMERICA

(Ms. SCANLON asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend her remarks.)

Ms. SCANLON. Mr. Speaker, House Democrats have shown up every day during the 117th Congress with one goal in mind: helping the American people.

This week, we have been considering critical funding legislation, which gives us a chance to invest boldly in American families and America's future.

With the funding bills put forth by House Democrats, we are investing in: job training, apprenticeship programs, and worker protection.

Research, infrastructure, and technologies of the future.

Childcare, education, healthcare, and housing.

The bills we are considering would authorize 10 critical community projects in my district, providing more than \$8.4 million in Federal funding to address some of the most pressing needs in our region, economic development, climate resilience, treatment for opioid use disorder, and expanding mental health resources.

House Democrats have made our priorities clear: American jobs, opportunities, and working families.

Budgets reflect values, and I am proud to see my community's values reflected in the fiscal year 2022 funding bills.

We cannot go wrong by investing in America.

MASK MANDATE

(Mrs. MILLER of Illinois asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute.)

Mrs. MILLER of Illinois. Mr. Speaker, Speaker PELOSI reinstated the mask mandate following the ever-changing CDC guidelines. She is even threatening to arrest staff who refuse to be obedient.

The Democrats are using fear and mandates to continue the crisis mode. But the real crisis has yet to hit: depression, alcohol and drug abuse, suicide, supply chain issues, halted production, economic collapse, and worse, the damage to our children's hearts and minds from being out of their school and activities.

For the Speaker of the House, these mandates are all about politics and not science. That is why when she thought no one was watching, she went to a closed hair salon to get her hair done without wearing a mask. She got caught and then blamed the hair salon owner.

The rules only apply to we the people. They never apply to those who are in power.

Americans are perfectly capable of taking care of themselves. The Democrats in this House, and the rest of the Federal Government, do not know bet-

ter than you, and they never have. Since when did the Federal Government become your doctor?

□ 1215

FREE CUBA

(Mr. CRIST asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute.)

Mr. CRIST. Madam Speaker, I rise today in strong support of the Cuban people in their fight for freedom under the Communist dictatorship. Over the past few years, the situation on the island has rapidly deteriorated with limited access to essentials like food, medicine, clean water, and electricity.

When the people rose up in record numbers to oppose the regime, they were attacked, brutalized, and, in some cases, disappeared.

We stand with the Cuban people and support their mission. That is why I am encouraging the President to provide direct aid like food, medicine, diapers, internet, and vaccines directly to the Cuban people and to stop arms shipments from Venezuela and Russia that are being used against the Cuban people.

Lead the free world in support of the demonstrators. We expect democratic nations to stand for democracy.

My prayers are with all the Cubans, including those in my home State of Florida, whose loved ones are on the island.

INVESTING IN NEW YORK-19

(Mr. DELGADO asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute.)

Mr. DELGADO. Madam Speaker, throughout the appropriations process, I have worked to secure investments for upstate families, farmers, small businesses, and veterans.

I would like to highlight a few projects included in this year's funding package that will improve and empower communities all across my district.

In Columbia County, more than 300 homes and businesses in the towns of Ghent, Canaan, New Lebanon, and Austerlitz will be connected to high-speed broadband.

The village of Philmont Fire Department will be able to purchase 12 new air packs and replace an 81-year-old fire siren.

In Delaware County folks will soon have access to quality, safe, and affordable childcare.

Northern Dutchess Hospital will add 18 beds to its family birth center.

These are just a few of the projects that we were able to secure. These are invaluable investments in New York-19.

RECESS

The SPEAKER pro tempore (Ms. SCANLON). Pursuant to clause 12(a) of

rule I, the Chair declares the House in recess subject to the call of the Chair.

Accordingly (at 12 o'clock and 17 minutes p.m.), the House stood in recess.

□ 1300

AFTER RECESS

The recess having expired, the House was called to order by the Speaker pro tempore (Ms. SLOTKIN) at 1 p.m.

LABOR, HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES, EDUCATION, AGRICULTURE, RURAL DEVELOPMENT, ENERGY AND WATER DEVELOPMENT, FINANCIAL SERVICES AND GENERAL GOVERNMENT, INTERIOR, ENVIRONMENT, MILITARY CONSTRUCTION, VETERANS AFFAIRS, TRANSPORTATION, AND HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT APPROPRIATIONS ACT, 2022

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to clause 1(c) of rule XIX, further consideration of the bill (H.R. 4502) making appropriations for the Departments of Labor, Health and Human Services, and Education, and Related Agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2022, and for other purposes, will now resume.

The Clerk read the title of the bill.

AMENDMENTS EN BLOC NO. 5, AS MODIFIED, OFFERED BY MS. DELAURO OF CONNECTICUT

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to clause 8 of rule XX, the unfinished business is the question on the adoption of amendments en bloc No. 5, as modified, printed in part B of House Report 117-109, on which further proceedings were postponed and on which the yeas and nays were ordered.

The Clerk will redesignate the amendments en bloc, as modified.

The Clerk redesignated the amendments en bloc, as modified.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The question is on the amendments en bloc, as modified, offered by the gentlewoman from Connecticut (Ms. DELAURO).

The vote was taken by electronic device, and there were—yeas 371, nays 55, not voting 4, as follows:

[Roll No. 244]

YEAS—371

Adams	Bishop (GA)	Carl
Aderholt	Blumenauer	Carson
Aguilar	Blunt Rochester	Carter (LA)
Allred	Bonamici	Carter (TX)
Amodei	Bost	Cartwright
Armstrong	Bourdeaux	Case
Auchincloss	Bowman	Casten
Axne	Boyle, Brendan	Castor (FL)
Bacon	F.	Castro (TX)
Baird	Brown	Cawthorn
Balderson	Brownley	Chabot
Barr	Buchanan	Cheney
Bass	Bucshon	Chu
Beatty	Burgess	Cioccilline
Bentz	Bush	Clark (MA)
Bera	Bustos	Clarke (NY)
Bergman	Butterfield	Cleaver
Beyer	Calvert	Cloud
Bice (OK)	Carbajal	Clyburn
Bilirakis	Cárdenas	Cohen